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Sir:

Under the provisions of 37 CFR §1.97 through §1.99 and pursuant to applicant's duty of disclosure under 37 CFR §1.56, applicant respectfully brings the following documents, cited in the European Search Report and listed on the attached form PTO-1449, to the attention of the Examiner in charge of the above-identified application. Copies of the listed documents are provided herewith for the convenience of the Examiner.

In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 CFR §1.98(a)(3), for foreign language documents, Applicant encloses herewith a copy of the European Search Report citing such documents, together with an English-language version (if not already included) of that portion of the Search Report indicating the degree of relevance found by the foreign office.

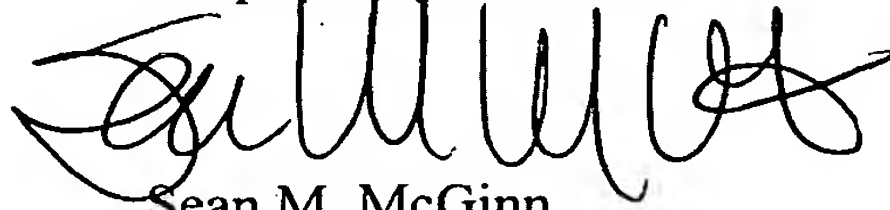
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It is respectfully requested that the listed references be considered by the Examiner and formally made of record in this application.

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		DE 197 36 595 A1	02/25/1999	Deutschland			YES	NO
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OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)								
		European Search Report dated November 21, 2003.						
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